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HAL JORDAN IS BACK ON EARTH AND READY FOR ACTION!

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FORGING THE FUTURE ONE HERO AT A TIME

YOU SEE *THIS?* THEY'RE MAKING A MOVIE OF *TALES OF THE BLACK FREIGHTER.*

THAT'S *AWESOME.* I *LOVE* THAT COMIC.

YOU *KNOW* THEY'RE GOING TO MESS IT UP, THOUGH.

THEY ALWAYS GOTTA *CHANGE* IT A LITTLE FROM THE *ORIGINAL!*

YEAH. WHY IS THAT, YOU THINK?

WHY WOULD YOU EVEN WANT TO DIVERGE FROM THE PREEXISTING, BELOVED LORE?

THEY PROBABLY *HAVE* TO CHANGE IT A LITTLE FOR SOME *LEGAL* REASONS OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?

NO. THESE SMARTYPANTS WRITERS JUST THINK THEY *KNOW BETTER.*

WHAT DO YOU MEAN **WHO THE FUCK AM I?**

I'M PEACEMAKER.

I AIN'T NEVER HEARD OF YOU.

PEACEMAKER, CHRISTOPHER SMITH

TRAINED FROM BIRTH TO BE AN EXPERT IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT AND WEAPONRY BY HIS SHITTY, NO-GOOD DAD. LOVES PEACE. SO MUCH.

I HAVEN'T HEARD OF A TON OF JAZZ MUSICIANS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY DON'T *EXIST* AND AREN'T GOOD AT THEIR *JOBS*.

OH! MILES DAVIS.

CHARLIE PARKER.

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING HERE, SOME KIND OF MUSCLE CAKE?

I DON'T *THINK* MUSCLE CAKE IS A THING, BUT I'M *GOING* TO INTERNET-SEARCH IT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

PROTEIN 100%

INSTANT CAKE MIX

JOSIE

THE PROTEIN POWDER IS FOR MAINTAINING MY POWERFULLY *RIPPED* AND *SENSUAL* PHYSIQUE, AND THE INSTANT CAKE MIX IS FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENT THIS WEEKEND.

ELLA FITZGERALD?

LOUIS ARMSTRONG.

WHAT'S YOUR DEAL, ANYWAY? YOU SHOOT LASER BEAMS OR TURN INTO A FISHMAN OR SOMETHING?

MY *DEAL* IS I'D DO ANYTHING FOR PEACE.

I'D EVEN *KILL* FOR IT.

WOULD YOU EAT A SPOONFUL OF *POOP* FOR PEACE?

I'M NOT SURE HOW EATING SOMETHING WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE BUT YES, I WOULD.

I WOULD DO *ANYTHING* FOR PEACE. I'D EAT A *BUCKET* OF POOP.

SHOOT.

WITH *THIS* POOP-EATING MOTHERFUCKER ON THE CASE, WE SHOULD HAVE PEACE ANY *DAY* NOW.

PROTEIN

BUZZZ

SHIT!

Caller ID:
OLD WORK!
ANSWER OR THEY'LL BLOW UP BOMB IN HEAD

Incoming Ca

GO FOR PEACEMAKER.

PEACEMAKER, IT'S AMANDA WALLER. I NEED YOU FOR A MISSION RIGHT AWAY.

THERE'S A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SETTING UP NEAR YOU, JUST ACROSS STATE LINES.

WE BELIEVE THEY INTEND TO BREAK INTO ***S.T.A.R. LABS*** AND STEAL SOME PRETTY DANGEROUS TECHNOLOGY.

I THOUGHT I EARNED MY *RELEASE* FROM TASK FORCE X, WALLER.

YOU DID.

HOWEVER, WE *ARE* STILL PAYING YOUR BILLS, AND I THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE A VESTED *INTEREST* IN THIS ONE SINCE TERRORISTS ARE THE *TRUEST* THREAT TO PEACE.

NO, YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M ALL TURNED AROUND OVER HERE.

HEY, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF SOMETHING CALLED A MUSCLE CAKE?

DID YOU SAY "MUSCLE CAKE"? IS THAT A EUPHEMISM? BECAUSE WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS.

THE LADY AT THE STORE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT IT. YOU KNOW WHAT, I'LL JUST LOOK IT UP WHEN I GET HOME.

I'VE SENT YOU THE ADDRESS.

HEY, IS THE SUICIDE SQUAD THERE?

BING!

I'M PLANNING A LITTLE GET-TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND, AND I'D LOVE TO HAVE THEM THERE.

SAY NO!

TELL HIM WE'RE BUSY.

LAST TIME WE WERE AT ONE OF HIS GET-TOGETHERS, IT WAS JUST HIM SHOWING OFF HIS COLLECTION OF VHS PORN.

VHS PORN?

HE SAID HE *FOUND* IT IN THE WOODS.

IT WAS *DISGUSTING.*

EVEN FOR ME.

UH, SORRY, CHRIS. THEY'RE BUSY ON ANOTHER MISSION.

THEY'RE FIGHTING CLAYFACE?

OH SHIT! I DON'T ENVY THEM. I HATE FIGHTING THAT GUY.

THEY'LL HAVE CLAYFACE STUCK UNDER THEIR FINGERNAILS FOR WEEKS.

I'VE ARRIVED AT THE LOCATION.

DO THESE GUYS HAVE SOME META-HUMAN IN THERE? SOME GUY NAMED KONCRETE WITH A K OR A CYBORG CALLED LASERNUTS OR SOMETHING?

IT'S JUST YOUR NORMAL, RUN-OF-THE-MILL HUMAN TERRORISTS.

ALL RIGHT. *WELL,* THEN I'M DOING THIS WITHOUT WEAPONS.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN INTEREST.

I DON'T *CARE* HOW YOU DO IT. I ONLY CALLED YOU BECAUSE I NEED A BLUNT OBJECT TO BREAK SOME THINGS AND *YOU* WERE THE CLOSEST.

JUST GET IT DONE.

CLICK

WELL, *THAT* FELT A LITTLE IMPERSONAL.

SO TOMORROW WE SET OFF THE DIRTY BOMB OUTSIDE THE LAB AND THEN--

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A *REGULAR* BOMB AND A *DIRTY* BOMB?

A DIRTY BOMB STICKS ITS FINGERS IN YOUR BUTTHOLE WHEN IT--

VIVA LA REVOLUTION

SMASH!

HEY, IS THIS WHERE ALL THE *TERRORIST FUCKHEADS* ARE?

HEY, WAITWAIT WAIT!

GUYS! THE PEACEMAKER IS HERE!

CEILING FUCKED!

FLAWLESS DICKTORY!

UGH! THAT GUY *SUCKS!*

DUDE, WHY WOULD YOU *SAY* THAT?

BECAUSE YOU'RE A *STUPID ASSHOLE?*

YOU BUSTED UP THE LAST TERROR CELL I WAS IN. YOU KILLED HALF IN ***COLD BLOOD*** AND MADE THE REST STAND AROUND DOING DICK PUPPET THEATER TO OLD MUSICALS.

HAHA I REMEMBER THAT.

YOU HAD THE SMALLEST COCK TOO!

DICK PUPPET THEATER?

YOU KNOW, YOU MAKE THEM ACT OUT SCENES. LIKE LITTLE, UGLY SKIN PUPPETS. IT'S HILARIOUS!

YOU SUCK! ***NO ONE*** LIKES YOU!

HOW IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BOTHER ME? YOU'RE A TERRORIST! NO ONE LIKES ***YOU!***

THERE'S A WHOLE ***GROUP*** OF US! WE'RE ***LIKE-MINDED*** AND HAPPY TO BE IN EACH OTHER'S ***COMPANY!***

YEAH! AT LEAST WE WON'T DIE ***ALONE*** LIKE AN OLD, PEACE-LOVING ***CAT LADY!***

MAN, COME ON.

WALLER, CONSIDER THIS GROUP BUSTED.

THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE THERE SOON, CHRIS. YOUR COUNTRY APPRECIATES YOU.

I KEPT ONE MOSTLY UN-CONCUSSED TO TELL YOU THEIR NEFARIOUS PLOTS--

ARF ARF

OLD WORK! ANSWER OR THEY'LL BLOW UP BOMB IN HEAD

OH MY GOD.

ARF ARF

ARF ARF

ARF ARF

THAT'S THE CUTEST FUCKING DOG I'VE EVER SEEN.

IS THAT YOUR DOG?

LOOK WHAT A FANCY LITTLE MAN HE IS. IT LOOKS LIKE HE HAS A TUXEDO ON!

HE'S LIKE A LITTLE ***BRUCE WAYNE,*** HE'S SUCH A FANCY LITTLE GENTLEMAN.

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

IT'S A STRAY. STRAYS DON'T ***HAVE*** NAMES.

IT'S JUST SOME STRAY, MAN. IT'S BEEN HANGING AROUND.

BUT HE'S ***DUMB*** AS ***FUCK,*** SO WE SHOULD'VE NAMED HIM ***PEACEMAKER.***

DUDE.

YOU REALLY THINK IT'S SMART TO RUIN THIS MOMENT?

--ANYWAY, SO YOU SHOULD COME CHECK IT OUT. THERE'S GOING TO BE BEER, CAKE, HOT MUSIC, SO MANY BANGABLE CHICKS. OR DUDES. WHATEVER YOU'RE INTO.

I'M NOT COMING TO YOUR PARTY. ***NONE*** OF US ARE. WE DON'T ***KNOW*** YOU, DUDE.

MAYBE THOSE GUYS ARE RIGHT, AND NO ONE DOES LIKE ME.

I'M NOT GOING TO LIE, IT FEELS LIKE THAT.

I FEEL PRETTY ALONE.

I DO SO MUCH GOOD STUFF. I'M FIGHTING INJUSTICE, DEFENDING PEACE.

SHIT, I'VE SAVED THE WORLD LIKE ***THREE TIMES*** AND ***NOBODY*** KNOWS WHO I AM. EVERYONE IS TOO BUSY OR TOO COOL TO COME TO MY PARTY.

I JUST WANT TO BE ***SEEN.*** TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS SOMETHING WORTHY OF ANYONE GIVING A CRAP ABOUT. MORE THAN JUST A BLUNT OBJECT.

MAYBE THAT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK.

"HEY, DAD..."

...IF I HIT ALL THE TARGETS ON THE OBSTACLE COURSE, YOU THINK WE COULD GET A DOG?

HELL NO, CHRISTOPHER.

YOU CAN'T TRUST NOTHING THAT FORMS A LOYALTY WITHOUT AN IDEOLOGY.

BLIND ALLEGIANCE IS THE TELLTALE SIGN OF AN EMPTY-HEADED NINNYFUCK OR A DOUBLE AGENT, AND I WON'T ACCOMMODATE NEITHER.

DAMMIT, BOY. YOU ARE SO STUPID NO ONE IS EVER GOING TO LOVE YOU.

BUT MAYBE A DOG'S SUPER-POWER IS SEEING SOMETHING WORTH LOVING IN ANYONE?

NOW HIT ALL THE TARGETS OR I'M PUTTING YOU IN THE MORON BOX FOR 48 HOURS.

ALL RIGHT. HERE WE ARE, LITTLE MAN.

HOME SWEET HOME.

I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU ON SO MANY WALKS, BUDDY.

CARDIO IS FOR PUSSIES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR HEART HEALTH.

TOP SECRET

HEY, *HEY!* TASK FORCE X *PAROLE OFFICER* RICHARD RALEIGH HERE.

INSTANT CAKE MIX

DAMN, RICHARD--YOU CAN'T JUST BARGE IN HERE. I COULD'VE BEEN JERKING OFF.

WHOA! WHO IS *THIS?*

THAT'S BRUCE WAYNE. HE'S MY NEW RIDE OR DIE.

BRUCE WAYNE! YOU'RE SUCH A FANCY LITTLE MAN!

HEY, ANYWAY, I JUST DROPPED BY BECAUSE WE WERE ALERTED YOU CROSSED STATE LINES TONIGHT. WHICH YOU *KNOW* IS A VIOLATION OF YOUR PAROLE, AND I GOTTA REMIND YOU, PAL, THAT YOU MESS UP ENOUGH IT'S *BACK* TO BELLE REVE PRISON FOR YOU.

WALLER CALLED ME IN FOR A MISSION. JUST CHECK WITH HER--SHE'LL CLEAR IT.

I HOPE THAT'S TRUE, BECAUSE I'D HATE TO SEE YOU BACK THERE. AND IF YOU VIOLATE YOUR PAROLE ENOUGH, YOU KNOW, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU DOWN.

AND I *ALWAYS* GET MY MAN.

EXCEPT FOR THE GOD-DAMNED *WAR WHEEL.*

WHATEVER, YOU WEIRD OLD FUCK.

INSTANT CAKE MIX

YOU KNOW YOU NEED EGGS FOR THIS, RIGHT?

I'VE SEEN YOUR FRIDGE, AND ALL YOU HAVE IS A HALF-EMPTY JAR OF PICKLES AND A BOTTLE OF MUSTARD.

INSTANT CAKE MIX

DUDE, IT'S INSTANT CAKE MIX. YOU JUST ADD WATER.

SORRY, BUD. YOU NEED EGGS AND OIL AND SOMETHING TO GREASE A PAN.

YOU HAVE A PAN, RIGHT?

ARE YOU *KIDDING* ME? THAT'S NOT INSTANT AT ALL.

FUCK.

NOW I HAVE TO GO ***BACK*** TO THE STORE!

CAN YOU TAKE DOGS TO GROCERY STORES?

NOT UNLESS IT'S A SERVICE DOG OR AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL.

WHAT'S AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL?

LIKE A DONKEY YOU--?

ALL RIGHTY-ROONEY, I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF YOUR HAIR.

I'M LEAVING YOU SOME HONEY FROM THE FARM.

TAKE CARE OF THAT HANDSOME PUP, AND BE A GOOD BOY NOW.

I HOPE YOU'RE BETTER AT MAKING *PEACE* THAN YOU ARE AT MAKING *LISTS* OR WE'RE *ALL* IN TROUBLE.

COOKING OIL

DOG FOOD

I'M HOME, BRUCE WAYNE. YOU'RE GOING TO DINE LIKE A LITTLE FURRY KING TONIGHT.

BRUCE WAYNE?

IF YOU WANT YOUR DOG BACK MEET AT THE WATER TREATMENT STATION ON EDGE OF TOWN. ♡♡ THE BRAIN

SOMEONE'S GOING TO DIE.

SNAP

SNIFF SNIFF

WHAT IS THAT NASTY SMELL?

HEY, YO!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DOOKIEMAN?

TAKING YOU HENCHMEN OUT SO I CAN GET A DROP ON THE GUYS WHO STOLE MY DOG.

BRO, I'M A *CITY EMPLOYEE.* I JUST WORK HERE.

SHIT. I JUST KILLED ONE OF YOU GUYS.

FUCK!

WAS IT *GAVIN?* BECAUSE HE'S A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER, MAN. AND I MEAN A *BAD* ONE.

I WOULDN'T SWEAT THAT.

HE DID *LOOK* LIKE A GAVIN.

HEY, CAN I ASK YOU A FAVOR?

I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS.

NO PROBLEM, MY GOOD DUDE.

WHERE ARE YOU, BRAIN? GIVE ME MY *DOG BACK,* DAMMIT!

I AM HERE, HERO. I'VE BEEN WAI--

WHY ARE YOU SO WET?

THE BRAIN

FRENCH MAD SCIENTIST AND CRIMINAL MASTERMIND. GRODY BRAIN-IN-JAR SITUATION, THOUGH.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU. PEOPLE GET WET.

LET US NOT DILLY- DALLY NOR TALLY ANY LONGER. I ABSCONDED WITH YOUR CANINE BECAUSE I REQUIRE YOUR SERVICES.

TOO LONG HAVE I SUFFERED IN THIS METAL CAN. IT'S TIME I HAD A HUMAN BODY.

I WISH TO MAKE LOVE AGAIN! TO *PRANCE* THROUGH FIELDS! TO *EMOTE* WITH FACIAL EXPRESSIONS AND *DRAMATIC* ARM MOVEMENTS ONCE AGAIN!

I YEARN TO *TOUCH,* HERO! TO *TASTE* FOOD! TO--

HOLY SHIT!

MONSIEUR MALLAH

HYPERINTELLIGENT APE. THE PRODUCT OF BRAIN'S SCIENTIFIC INGENUITY.

IS THAT A MONKEY WITH A *HEAVY MACHINE GUN?*

MONSIEUR MALLAH IS A *GORILLA,* AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF WEAP--

OUI. C'EST UNE MITRAILLEUSE LOURDE.

...MALLAH IS SAYING IT *IS* A HEAVY MACHINE GUN.

THAT IS FREAKING *AWESOME.*

YES, HE IS FREAKING AWESOME.

I HAVE THE *TECHNOLOGY* TO GROW MY FUTURE BODY. I HAVE THE KNOW-HOW. I SIMPLY NEED THE *MATERIALS.*

MY FRIEND-SLASH-ENEMY *GENERAL IMMORTUS* HAS THE KEY TO CREATE THE PERFECT HOST BODY.

DUDE, IF YOU WANT A PERFECT BODY, I'M RIGHT HERE. LOOK AT THESE CHEEKBONES. LOOK AT THESE MUSCLE CLUSTERS.

I'M AFRAID I REQUIRE A BODY THAT HAS NO RISK OF REJECTING AN INTELLIGENT BRAIN.

WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

WHAT I MEANT TO SAY IS--

ÇA DEVIENT GÊNANT.

YOU DON'T NEED ME *OR* MY DOG TO DO THIS. JUST GO USE YOUR EVIL BRAIN POWERS AND KICK-ASS MONKEY FRIEND TO GET IT DONE.

IT HAS TO BE YOU, PEACEMAKER. FOR THIS TO WORK, I ***MUST*** HAVE A HERO.

YOU SEE, I'VE DONE MY RESEARCH, I'VE RUN THE NUMBERS. MATHEMATICALLY, HEROES ***ALWAYS*** BEAT VILLAINS. THE ONLY WAY TO ASSUREDLY DEFEAT A SCOUNDREL IS WITH A ***CHAMPION***.

I NEED ***YOU*** TO BE THAT HERO, PEACEMAKER, BECAUSE FOR ME THIS MISSION CANNOT FAIL.

YOU NEED ME?

I'VE LONG BEEN WATCHING FOR JUST THE RIGHT HERO. THE ONE WHO WOULD BE PLIABLE TO MY NEEDS. CONTROLLABLE, BUT WILLING.

WHEN MY SOURCES REVEALED YOU FOUND A PET, I KNEW I HAD TO STRIKE FAST. I HAD FOUND A CRACK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.

SO I ASK YOU, PEACEMAKER, WILL YOU BE MY HERO?

WHAT IF I SAY *NO?*

MONSIEUR MALLAH EATS THE DOG.

SHIT, MAN. THAT'S FUCKED UP.

BRING ME THE GENETIC MATERIAL...

...OF **DEATHSTROKE THE TERMINATOR.**

DUDE, I DON'T WANT TO EVEN *THINK* ABOUT PICKING BRUCE WAYNE BITS OUT OF GORILLA POO SO I CAN GIVE HIM THE PROPER BURIAL HE DESERVES.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

AW, FUCK ME.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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"MY DEAL IS I'D DO ANYTHING FOR PEACE. I'D EVEN KILL FOR IT."

Having earned his release from the Suicide Squad, Peacemaker wants to try and do normal superhero stuff for a change. Unfortunately everyone, including the bad guys, thinks he sucks at superhero stuff. But when busting up a terrorist ring introduces Christopher Smith to the cutest thing to ever walk on four legs, he finds the unconditional love he's been denied his whole life. That is, until the dog is kidnapped right out from under him by a super-villain who has some very un-super-heroic plans for Peacemaker's brand of ultraviolence.

Will he help an infamously unstable super-powered criminal steal the world's most valuable—and dangerous—DNA? Honestly, Christopher's pretty lonely, so it probably just depends on how nicely they ask...

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